

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

1. A handle which includes a handle member pivotally coupled to a base and a locking mechanism which
5 releasably locks the handle member in a first position relative to the base said first position corresponding to an in-use position of the handle member, the locking mechanism including a locking member within the handle member, said locking member
10 being movable between a locking position where it performs a blocking action between the handle member and the base to prevent pivotal movement of the handle member relative to the base and a release position where said blocking action is removed, and
15 the handle member can be pivoted to a second position, the locking member being coupled to a push button accessible at an exterior surface of the handle member.
- 20 2. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the push button includes a head which is slidably located in a recess in the handle member.

3. A handle as claimed in claim 2 wherein the peripheral shape of the recess substantially corresponds to the peripheral shape of the button.
- 5 4. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the locking member is biased into said locking position by a biasing mechanism.
5. A handle as claimed in claim 4 wherein the biasing
10 mechanism includes a leaf spring.
6. A handle as claimed in claim 5 wherein the leaf spring is fixed to the locking member and has a distal end which engages with a part of the handle
15 member.
7. A handle as claimed in claim 1 further including a stop to prevent movement of the locking member under action of the biasing mechanism from moving beyond
20 the locking position.
8. A handle as claimed in claim 7 wherein the stop is a lip projecting from the locking member and engageable with an engagement surface of the handle member.

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9. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the blocking
action is created by the locking member having a
locking portion which engages between a surface of
the pivot base and a part of the handle member when
5 the locking member is in said locking position.
10. A handle as claimed in claim 9 wherein the locking
member includes a profiled position which provides a
clearance between the locking portion and the pivot
10 base when the locking member is in the release
position.
11. A handle as claimed in claim 10 wherein the profiled
portion includes a contact surface which contacts a
15 profiled surface of the pivot base during movement of
the handle between the first and second positions.
12. A handle as claimed in claim 11 wherein the push
bottom includes a head which is slidingly located in
20 a recess in the handle member, the peripheral shape
of the recess substantially corresponding to the
peripheral shape of the button.
13. A handle as claimed in claim 12 wherein the recess
25 includes a contact surface which is contacted by the

head when the locking member is in the release position.

14. A handle as claimed in claim 12 wherein the locking
5 member is biased into the locking position by a
biasing mechanism.

15. A handle as claimed in claim 14 wherein the biasing
mechanism is a spring located between the locking
10 member and the handle member.

16. A handle as claimed in claim 14 further including a
stop to prevent movement of the locking member under
action of the biasing mechanism from moving beyond
15 the locking position.

17. A handle as claimed in claim 16 wherein the stop is a
lip projecting from the locking member and engageable
with an engagement surface of the handle member.

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18. A handle as claimed in claim 17 wherein the lip
projects from the locking portion and the engagement
surface is formed by a wall in the handle member,
said wall further forming a second engagement
25 surface, the locking portion of the locking member

being located between second engagement surface and the pivot base to create the blocking action.